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Route 139 upper level eastbound lane closure Monday for Palisade Avenue Bridge work in Jersey City

New concrete deck will be poured as bridge replacement advances

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the left lane of Route 139 upper level eastbound will be closed on Monday to allow work on the Palisade Avenue Bridge in Jersey City as the Pulaski Skyway Contract 2 advances.

On Monday, August 15 between 6 a.m. until 3 p.m., NJDOT's contractor, Schiavone Construction, will close the left lane of Route 139 upper level eastbound between Baldwin Avenue and Palisade Avenue in order to pour the new concrete deck of the Palisade Avenue Bridge over Route 139. The right lane of Route 139 upper level eastbound will remain open. Motorists may use Route 139 lower level and may experience congestion. Local police will be on site to assist with the traffic.

The Palisade Avenue Bridge was closed in June so it could be demolished and replaced. The project includes reconstructing the bridge, including new north and south abutments, pier columns and caps, structural steel, drain pipes and scuppers, and a new cast-in-place concrete deck. The bridge is expected to be completed and Palisade Avenue reopened before school begins in September.

This work is part of the \$104 million Pulaski Contract 2, which will repair and improve the upper and lower levels of Route 139. Route 139 links the eastern end of the Pulaski Skyway to the Jersey City waterfront. During this contract, the deck on Route 139 upper level eastbound will be replaced, along with five cross street bridges from Palisade Avenue to Kennedy Boulevard.

Contract 2 is part of the \$1 billion Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation project, which is being advanced through 10 separate construction contracts into the year 2020. The massive improvement project will extend the life of the Skyway by 75 years.

NJDOT created a project-specific website - www.pulaskiskyway.com - which contains a wealth of information about the Skyway and the project, and will be updated with relevant new information as work progresses. The Department is carefully coordinating the Pulaski Skyway project with other regional transportation infrastructure projects to minimize traffic congestion.

The Department has a project hotline telephone number, 973-776-7400, and email, Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov. Anyone who has questions, concerns, or suggestions is encouraged to contact the Project Outreach Team as work progresses. NJDOT will be using Variable Message Signs to provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. Follow us on Twitter @Skywayrehab and visit www.511nj.org for real-time travel advisories.